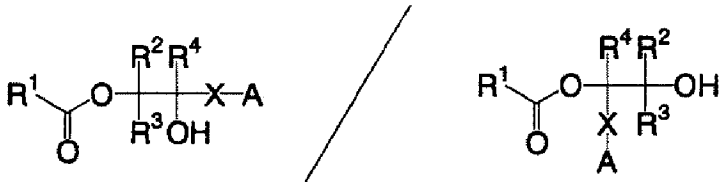
IN THE CLAIMS:

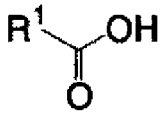
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A process for producing of a silicone compound represented by the following formulas (a) and/or (a'),



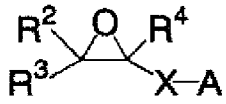
(a) (a')

comprising reacting a carboxylic acid represented by the following formula (a2)



(a2)

to an epoxy silane represented by the following formula (a1)



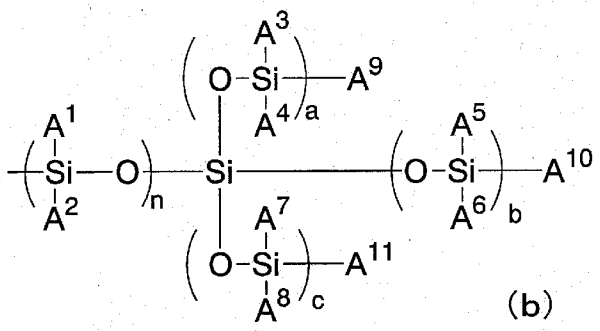
(a1)

and

obtaining a metal salt of the carboxylic acid represented by the general formula (a2), wherein the reaction is carried out in presence of ~~0.3~~0.8wt% or more water in said reaction system, wherein A denotes a siloxanyl group, R^1 denotes a substituent with 1 to 20 carbons having a polymerizable group, R^2 to R^4 respectively and independently denote hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted substituent with 1 to 20 carbons, or -X-A, and X denotes a substituted or unsubstituted divalent substituent with 1 to 20 carbons.

2. (Previously Presented) A process for producing of a silicone compound, wherein the silicone compound obtained according to Claim 1 is purified by a silica gel column or an alumina column.

3. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound obtained by the process according to Claim 1, wherein the siloxanyl group A is an atomic group represented by the following formula (b),



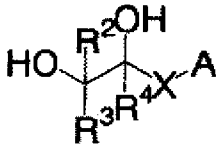
(b)

wherein, A^1 to A^{11} respectively and independently denote any one of hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 to 20 carbon atoms and a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group with 6 to 20 carbons, n denotes an integer of 0 to 200, a, b and c denote respectively and independently an integer of 0 to 20,

and n = a = b = c = 0 is not included.

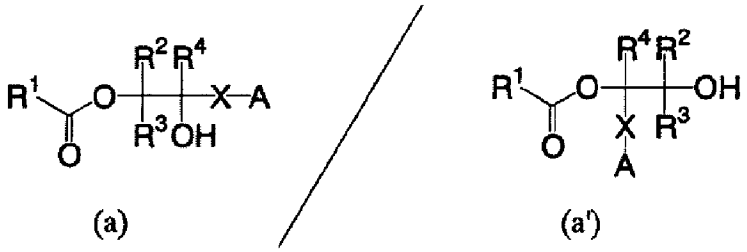
4. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound according to Claim 3, wherein the siloxanyl group A is selected from the group consisting of tris(trimethylsiloxy)silyl group, bis(trimethylsiloxy)methylsilyl group and trimethylsiloxydimethylsilyl group.

5. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound in which a content of a compound represented by the following general formula (y) is 0.4% or more and 3% or less,



(y)

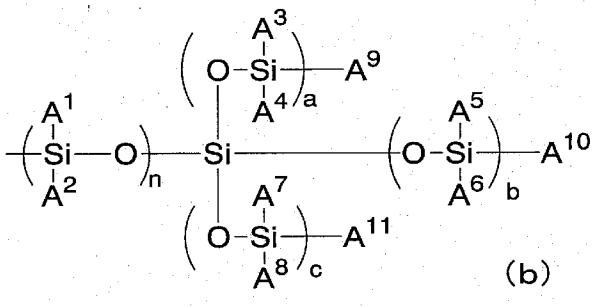
and the purity of the silicone compound represented by the following general formulas (a) and/or (a') is 87% or more,



(a) (a')

wherein A denotes a siloxanyl group, R^1 denotes a substituent with 1 to 20 carbons having polymerizable group, R^2 to R^4 respectively and independently denote hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted substituent with 1 to 20 carbons, or -X-A, and X denotes a substituted or unsubstituted divalent substituent with 1 to 20 carbons.

6. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound obtained by the process according to Claim 2, wherein the siloxanyl group A is an atomic group represented by the following formula (b),



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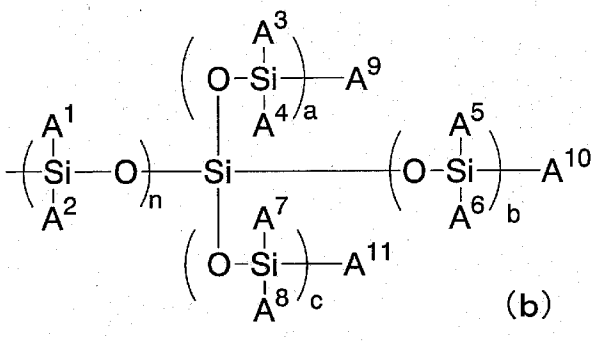
wherein, $A^1$to A^{11} respectively and independently denote any one of hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 to 20 carbon atoms and a substituted or unsubstitued aryl group with 6 to 20 carbons, n denotes an integer of 0 to 200, a, b and c denote respectively and independently an integer of 0 to 20, and n = a = b = c = 0 is not included.

7. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the siloxanyl group A is an atomic group represented by the following formula (b),



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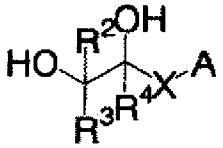
8. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 7, wherein the siloxanyl group A is selected from the group consisting of tris(trimethylsiloxy)silyl group, bis(trirnethylsiloxy)methylsilyl group and trimethylsiloxydimethylsilyl group.

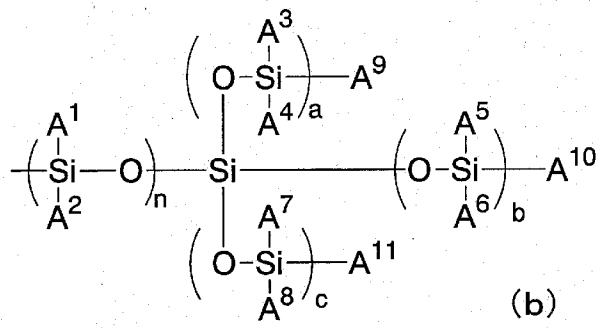
9. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the silicone compound comprises a content of a compound represented by the following general formula (y) in the amount of 0.4% or more and 3% or less,



(y)

and a purity of the silicone compound is 87% or more.

10. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 2, wherein the siloxanyl group A is an atomic group represented by the following formula (b),



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